

Clinical or Community Partnerships

University of Texas at Austin ADN-BSN

Seton Family of Hospitals

The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing received a gift for the development of on-line courses and advisor support in the Associate Degree in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (ADN-BSN) at the UT Austin School of Nursing. A total of three on-line courses of study will be developed to assist students enrolled in the ADN-BSN program at the UT Austin School of Nursing. The courses will be Nursing Research, Leadership and Management of Nursing Care, and Conceptual Bases of Aging. The gift will also be used to provide advisor support to students enrolled in the ADN-BSN program.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$100,000

Grant monies used: \$100,000 was received from Seton for this program

Expected benefits from partnership:

- increased access to ADN-BSN program for working nurses
- increased number of ADN nurses who complete their degree in BSN program
- increased number of BSN prepared nurses available to work in Seton and other Central Texas hospitals
- potential for increased number of nurses entering graduate programs
- potential for increased number of nurses prepared to teach in undergraduate programs

Challenges from partnership:

- barriers to motivation for nurses to return to school (e.g., lack of recognition of nurses who do return to school)

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The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing received a gift in honor of Dean Sands for a scholarship program to provide tuition and fee support to students enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at the UT Austin School of Nursing. Recipients receive up to \$10,000 over a 12-month period. Students are encouraged to enroll full-time allowing them to complete the program in 12 months (two long semesters and one summer).

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$500,000

Grant monies used: \$500,000 was received from Seton for this program

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Challenges from partnership:

- allowing release time for nurses to return to school for BSN
- barriers to motivation for nurses to return to school (e.g., lack of recognition of nurses who do return to school)

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Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs

University of Texas at Austin BSN

Austin Community College

The articulation plan allows students who have successfully completed the ADN program at Austin Community College to enter the ADN-BSN program at The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. Course descriptions have been evaluated and a cross-walk for transfer of credit has been established. This articulation agreement allows students in the ACC ADN program to plan for completing their BSN degree at UT Austin with minimal delays between degrees. A streamlined degree plan has been established that will allow participants to complete their degree in twelve calendar months (two long semesters and one summer). Prior to this articulation, all ADN-BSN applicants were required to pass a mobility exam to earn credit for nursing courses. This articulation agreement removes this requirement, thus removing one more barrier to ADN nurses obtaining their BSN degree. In addition to mapping the route between ADN and BSN degrees, this program provides participants with the opportunity to explore opportunities available to them in graduate school. Participants are encouraged to study and sit for the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) and are mentored in applying for graduate school, either at The University of Texas at Austin or elsewhere while they are in the program.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:

initial costs to design the articulation were absorbed by the UT School of Nursing and as the program expands future funding will be sought

Grant monies used: no

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Challenges from partnership:

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